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Miss Ruth Adams  
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Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Miss Adams:

Thank you for your letter of November 26 and the invitation to participate in the spring editorial conference of the Bulletin. Unfortunately, I will not be able to fit this into my schedule and am obliged to decline.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Genetics

Handwritten note:

But no lack of interest and moral support!

I would urge you to look a little more deeply into the impact of biological as well as physical discovery on human affairs -- which I fear will be explosive, especially in the area, not of eugenics, but of "euphenics", the control of development.

"Science and Public Affairs" should supplant the name B.A.S.

*R. L. Adams*  
*But Adams. etc.*